



E-INVOICING FOR GST – Leveraging Nationwide E-invoicing Network for Tax Transformation

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The Vision for E-Invoicing: Enabling Business Transformation and Global Interoperability



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“...Making it easier for businesses to interoperate across our economies, by standardising rules, regulations, customs, documentation and using technology as an enabler with electronic invoicing, documentation, data flows...”

*– Prime Minister Lawrence Wong,
Financial Times Interview, on using
technology enablers for business
interoperability and cross-border trade*

InvoiceNow: A Nationwide Infrastructure to Deliver the Vision



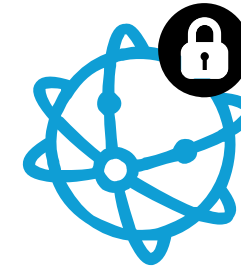
Nationwide Secure E-Invoicing Network

Enables seamless transmission of e-invoices securely across different finance solutions between suppliers and buyers



Boost Efficiency & Sustainability

Reduces manual data entry, lowers costs, speeds up payments and support green practices

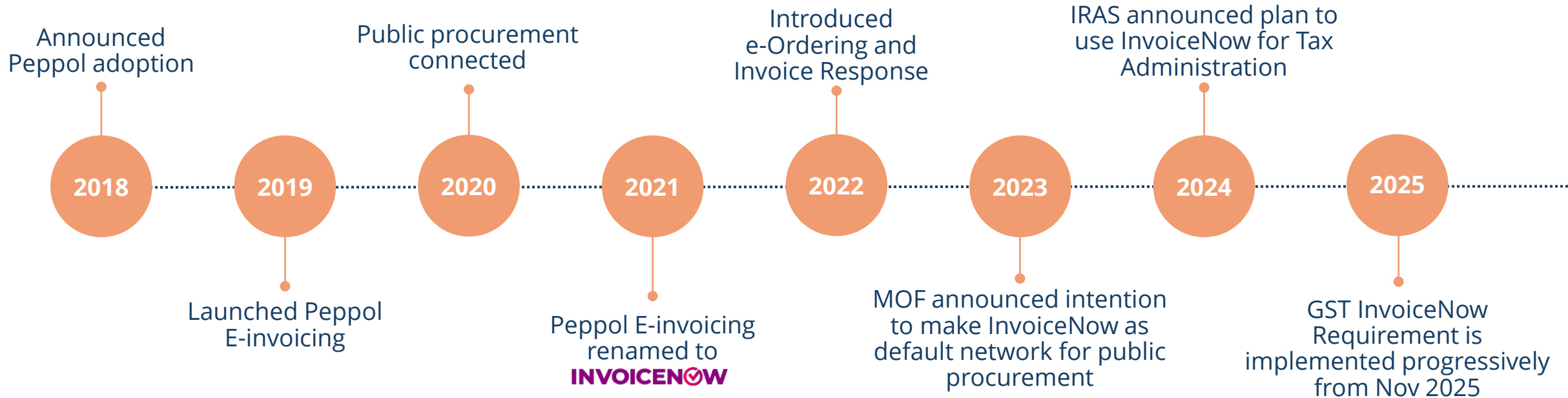


Global Connectivity

Built on the International Peppol standard, enabling businesses to transact internationally with other companies that are also on Peppol network

Singapore's E-Invoicing Journey: From Adoption to Tax Integration

Driving B2B and government supplier adoption



Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Malaysia Peppol Authorities have been collaborating in regular meetings. Singapore has also been keeping the ASEAN economies engaged.

Leveraging InvoiceNow for Tax Administration: The GST InvoiceNow Requirement



In support of Singapore's nationwide InvoiceNow initiative



Part of ongoing transformation efforts to digitalise the wider ecosystem and integrate tax into taxpayers' accounting and payroll systems



Collaborative effort by Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) and IRAS to boost productivity, improve compliance, and reduce costs for GST-registered businesses through the adoption of the InvoiceNow network

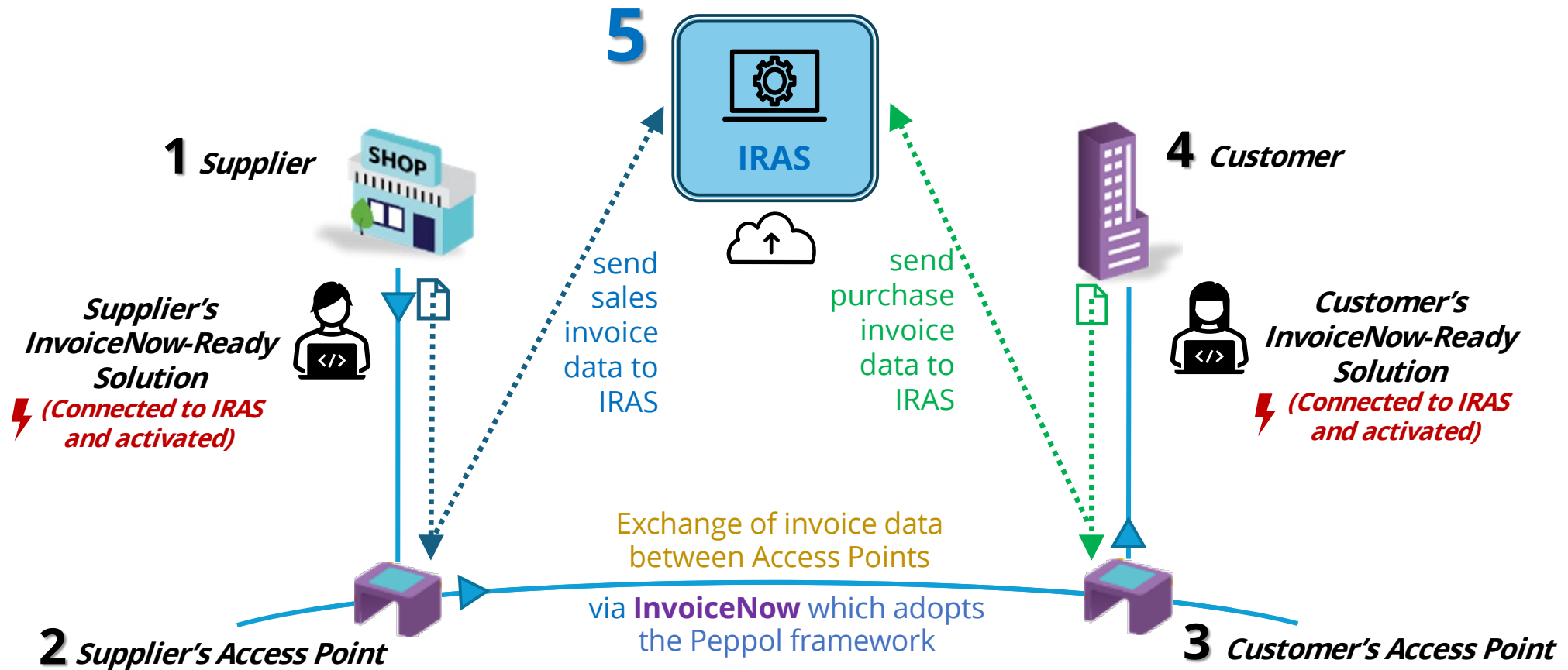


GST-registered businesses[^] are required to send invoice data^{*} to IRAS using InvoiceNow-Ready Solutions

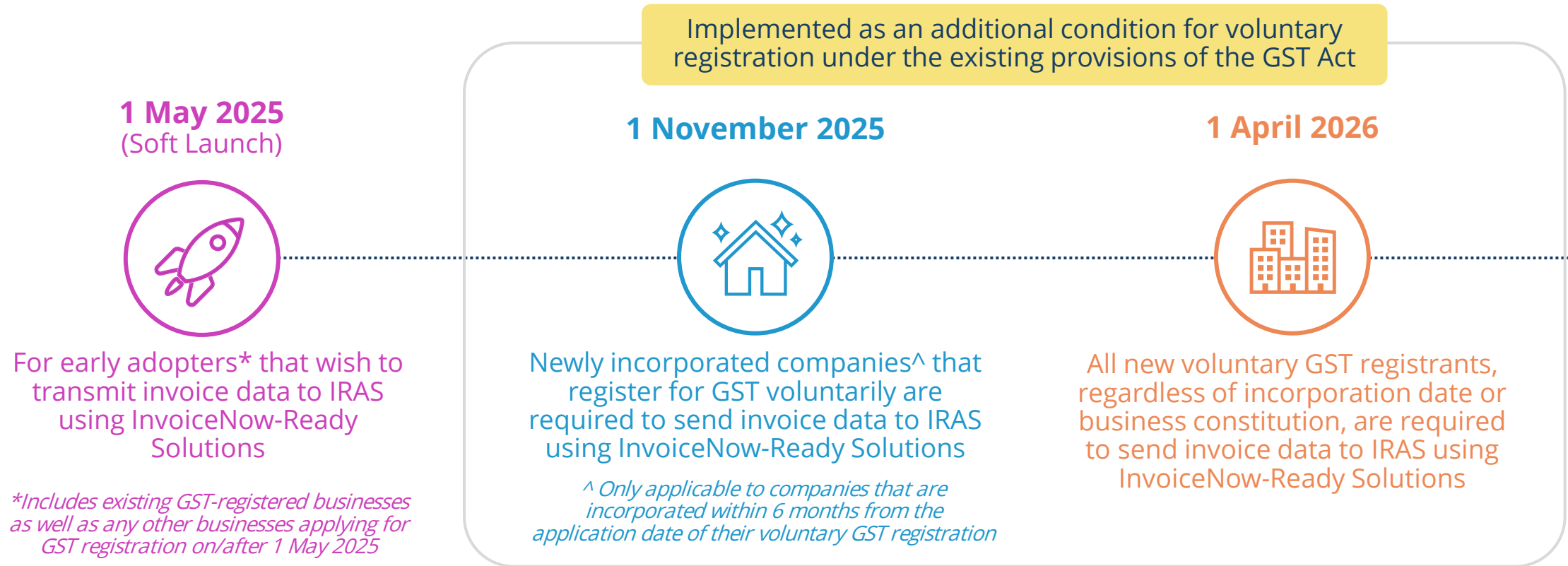
[^] Excludes overseas entities (such as those required to appoint local agents, overseas vendors registered under the Overseas Vendor Registration (OVR) regime) and businesses liable to register for GST wholly due to the Reverse Charge (RC) regime.

^{*} Refers to data on invoices or equivalent documents that serve as bills for payment (or adjustments of bill for payment) for supplies and purchases made. Examples include sales invoice, tax invoice, simplified tax invoice, debit notes and credit notes.

Peppol's 5-Corner Model: Singapore Among the First to Adopt

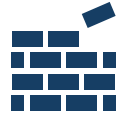


Phased Implementation of GST InvoiceNow Requirement: Giving Businesses Time to Adopt



Next Phase: Extending GST InvoiceNow Requirement to Other GST-registered Businesses

NEXT PHASE: APRIL 2026 AND BEYOND



Plans to progressively extend mandatory participation to:

- new compulsory GST registrants
- remaining GST-registered businesses



Continue to conduct industry consultation and carefully review the feedback before finalizing details

Our Game Plan to Achieve Mass Adoption & Widespread Network Effects

CHALLENGES



Lack of Effective Change Management

Many enterprises have yet to implement effective change management processes to transition their suppliers and customers to the e-invoice network.



Different Interpretation of Technical Specifications

Enterprises with custom systems or industry-specific requirements often interpret Peppol specifications differently, necessitating varying troubleshooting efforts



Need for Continuous Enhancements

Market solutions and gateways require ongoing enhancements to support new capabilities and align local needs with global standards to maintain seamless cross-border transactions.

APPROACHES



Ecosystem Approach

Partner with industry associations and tax agents to influence and onboard businesses into the e-invoicing network



Continued support for enterprises

Support measures include dedicated support for large taxpayers, provision of Free-of-charge ("FOC") or low-cost solutions for businesses to adopt, and publishing of various resources (e.g. webpage, e-Tax Guide and FAQs)



IMDA Accreditation Framework

Ready base of IMDA-accredited InvoiceNow-Ready Solution Providers and Access Point Providers



Conduct technical briefings and events to educate software vendors

THE ROAD AHEAD: LEVERAGING E-INVOICING DATA FOR GST COMPLIANCE AND FRAUD DETECTION



Continuous monitoring and analysis of GST transactions

- GST transaction monitoring with automatic cross-matching of purchase and supply records to verify input tax claims and flag high-risk mismatches for review
- Invoice data checks to identify non-compliance



Enhance analytics for fraud detection

- Train analytical models to better evaluate GST risk
- Apply advanced analytical techniques to detect unusual e-invoicing activities and uncover syndicated fraud more quickly

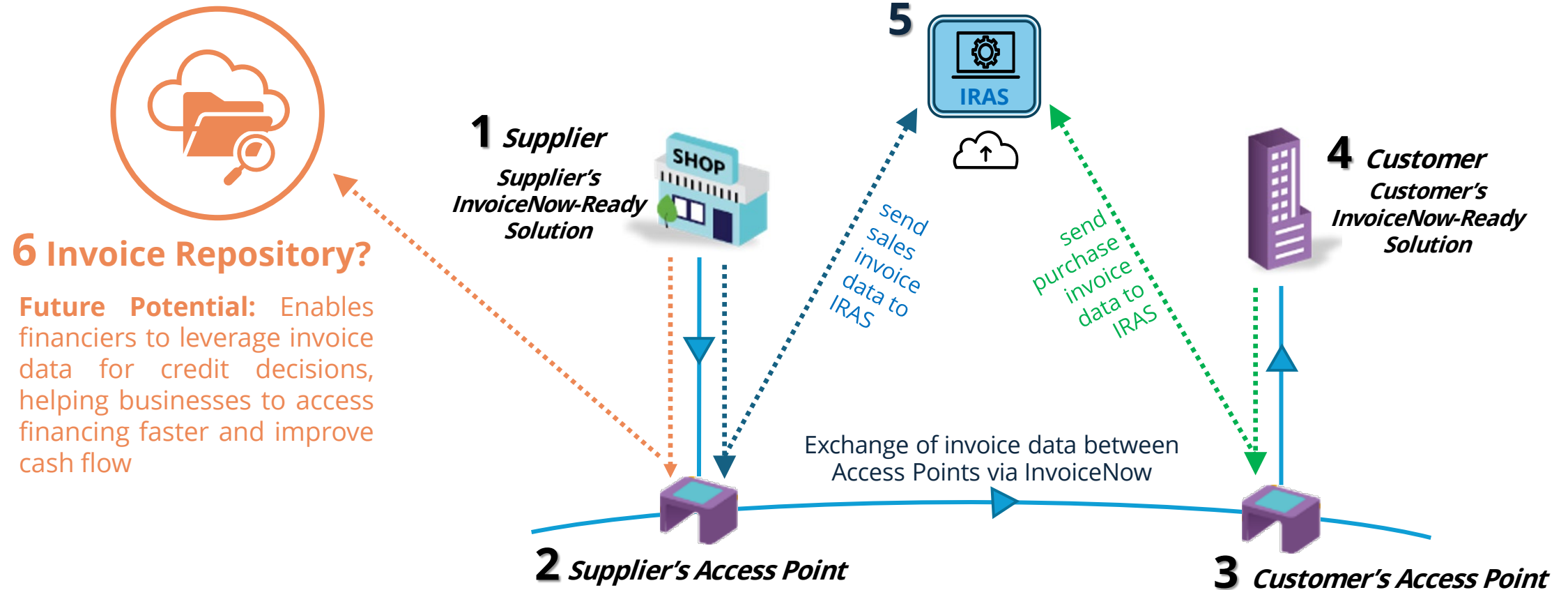


Enhance operational planning and investigative support

- Use invoice data for faster fraud tracing and investigation planning
- Support cross-agency collaboration on tax and financial crime detection (e.g. Trade Based Money Laundering)

Transformation of GST administration from traditional audits towards proactive monitoring of GST tax base

Beyond Tax: Unlocking New Business Value with Invoice Data



Future Potential: Enables financiers to leverage invoice data for credit decisions, helping businesses to access financing faster and improve cash flow

THANK YOU !

